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Finance Committee Minutes 03-29-04

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/29/04

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan	Feinleib*	O'Riordan	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrisette	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Piandes	Franclemont	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Paul Bayer

ART 57 CAPITAL BUDGET: Finance SubCom (Foskett) recommended the budget as detailed on p11 of the handout dated 3/15/04. O'Neill reported on his discussion w/ Ryan of the upgrade of the dispatch center & emergency operation center. He recommended support. 90% of the funds will go to the dispatch center. After some discussion VOTED \$7,007,130 Unanimous.

BUD 17d COMMUNITY SAFETY SUPPORT SERVICES: Public Safety SubCom (O'Neill) requested reconsideration in order to increase budget to fund training of dispatchers to qualify as emergency medical dispatchers. The 4 to 5 wk training would require overtime increase to provide coverage. During discussion, opponents stated that this was a poor time to add services. A motion to reduce the fire service budget by a comparable amount was made. VOTED an increase of \$25,560 for overtime and \$2,975 for training for a total of \$28,535. 9-4. VOTED not to reduce the fire service budget by \$28,535. 9-4. The second vote will increase the deficit.

BUD 2 BOS: The Central Govt SubCom (DuBois) recommended a corrected budget that would not reduce the number of polling places until the local election in 4/05. VOTED \$346,565 Unanimous.

BUD 19 EDUCATION: The Education SubCom (Fanning) provided copies of the School Committee's recommended budget. This budget contains raises while the other budgets do not. Members stated that all Town workers should be treated equally. After some discussion, VOTED to move \$1,291,025 to the collective bargaining article (ART 72) and to recommend \$31,141,587 for BUD 19. 11-2.

BUD 26 RESERVE FUND The Chair recommended a reduction to the FY03 level since there is less uncertainty in FY05 than FY04. VOTED \$300,000 Unanimous.

BUDGET & REVENUE TASK FORCE: The Chair reported on the mtg held at 6:00 and provided copies of the Manager's budget update letter to the BOS. The letter includes revenue increases of \$1.35m, partly through less conservative projections and partly by greater use of the Stabilization Fund. This fund would be restored by action under ART 44 assuming State approval of transfer from the Bldg Insurance Fund. The letter also includes \$150k reduction in expenses also by taking a less conservative approach. The resulting deficit is \$2.276m. The task force discussed balancing the budget w/ an override, or a trash fee, or further cuts. FinCom members suggested that these cuts might include the pay raise reserve. Howard to request the supporters of the trash fee article to have figures ready for the FinCom mtg on 4/14.

COMMITTEE: No mto on 4/5. 4/10.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$386,600

Peter B Howard, Secretary, 3/31/04

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Library file, Town Manager, Town Web Site

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date presented	Date of vote	\$ Vote/ assigned to
1	2/18	2/18	9995	Unanimous	15	2/9		
2	3/29,3/22	3/29	346565	Unanimous	28			
3	3/1	3/1	330845	Unanimous	30	2/18	2/18	support BOS Unanimous
4	3/10	3/10	142185	Unanimous	44	3/10		tabled
5	2/23	2/23	785101	Unanimous	45	2/2		tabled
6	2/23	2/23	549140	Unanimous	47			
7	2/23	2/23	124512	Unanimous	48	3/17	3/17	BOS to report
8	3/22	3/22	265596	Unanimous	49	2/2	2/4	favorable action Unanimous
9	2/18	2/18	705026	Unanimous	50	2/2	2/4	no action 13-1
10	3/1	3/1	197481	Unanimous	51	2/2		tabled
11	3/13,17	3/17	53987	Unanimous	52			
12	2/23	2/23	73871	Unanimous	53	3/22	3/22	2140851 Unanimous
13	2/18	2/18	166919	Unanimous	54	3/10	3/10	12067 Unanimous
14	2/18	2/18	391895	Unanimous	55	3/10	3/10	Same as FY04 Unanimous
15	2/18,23	2/23	20887	Unanimous	56A,B,C,E	3/10	3/10	48848 Unanimous
16	3/1	3/1	6929445	Unanimous	57	3/15,3/29	3/29	7007130 Unanimous
17a	2/23	2/23	302851	Unanimous	58	2/8		
17b	2/23	2/23	4330026	Unanimous	59	3/1		
17c	3/15	3/15	4533811	Unanimous	60	3/1		
17d	3/15	3/15,3/29	99235	Unanimous	61	2/4		tabled
18a	2/23	2/23	301606	Unanimous	62	3/10		tabled
18b	2/23,3/1	3/17	300000	Unanimous	63	3/10		tabled
19	3/8	3/29	31141387	Unanimous	64	2/4	2/4	favorable action Unanimous
20	3/17	3/17	1510638	Unanimous	65	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21a	3/1	3/1	114115	Unanimous	66	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21b	3/1	3/1	139007	Unanimous	67	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21c	3/1	3/1	171938	Unanimous	68	3/10		Report at TM Raises
21d					69	3/10		Report at TM Raises
22/23	2/23	2/23	6107184	Unanimous	70	3/10		Report at TM Raises
24					71	3/10		Report at TM Raises
25	3/10,3/17	3/10,3/17	10805631	Unanimous	72	3/10	3/29	1291025 11-2
26	3/29	3/29	300000	Unanimous	73	3/10		Report at TM Raises
WS					74	3/10		
Rec	3/1				75	2/4		tabled
Enk					76	2/18	3/10,3/15	No action Unanimous
COA	3/1	3/1	2649	Unanimous	77	3/17	3/17	No action Unanimous
YS	3/1	3/1	169080	Unanimous	78	3/15		subcom appointed
					79	3/17	3/17	No action Unanimous
ART					80	2/9		
86	3/10	3/10	211572	Unanimous	81	2/9		
87					82	2/9		
88					83	3/10	3/10	No report Unanimous
89					84	3/10	3/10	No report Unanimous
90					85	3/10	3/10	No action Unanimous